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SUBJECT: MEDIA ON LEBANON

1. CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 10 REPORT /SYRIAN FORCES"
INTERVENED IN LEBANON BY PREVENTING PLO FROM RECEIVING
ANY SUPPLIES. MENA "LEARNED" THAT SYRIAN OBJECT IN
"CLAMPING SIEGE ON LEBANON" IS TO STRANGLE PLO AND
PREVENT ANY SUPPLIES FROM REACHING IT. POLITICAL
CIRCLES IN BEIRUT ARE REPORTED TO VIEW WITH DEEP
CONCERN FOREIGN INTERVENTION, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN
ESCALATED BY DELIVERY LIBYAN ARMS TO BEIRUT. LIBYAN
EQUIPMENT ALLEGEDLY ARRIVED IN 20 LARGE CASES AND
CONVEYED FROM BEIRUT AIRPORT IN LIBYAN EMBASSY
CARS. PAPERS CLAIM PFLP FORCES AND SA'IQA,
"CONTROLLED BY SYRIA", FOUGHT BATTLE TO SEIZE ARMS.

2. AMBASSADOR BROWN'S MISSION IS REPORTED AND
POLITICAL CIRCLES "INDICATED" THAT HE WISHES TO
REAFFIRM US SUPPORTS RESIGNATION OF FRANJIA.

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3. FRENCH ENVOY GORSE'S MEETINGS WITH LEBANESE

NOTABLES ARE ALSO REPORTED BUT WITHOUT COMMENT.
PAPERS HAD REPORTED APRIL 8 THAT A FRENCH ENVOY
WOULD FLY TO LEBANON "IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S
SUGGESTION."
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